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## SIoux SURRENDERING

### Quietude Reigns at Standing Rock.

### Troops Beleguered on the Bad Lands.

### Everything Reported as Quiet North of the Canadian Line.

PIERRE, S. D., December 25.—Captain Norville, special agent, has just returned from Fort Bennett and reports the Indians war there over. It seems the Indians were afraid they would be massacred or would have come in before.

After the Indians arrived at Bennett councils were held to determine whether they would give up their arms or not. Agent Palmer said: "No arms, no rations or blankets." This brought them to time and all the arms are now stacked up at the agency.

Captain Hearst, commanding officer at Fort Sully, has received the capitulation of 174 Uncompagans, including seventy of Sitting Bull's big band and fifty from the Rosebud agency.

Narcisse Narcello, the boss farmer, brought in forty-one of Big Foot's Indians. Out of these, ninety-eight stands of arms were collected.

Sitting Bull's men want to remain at Cheyenne, and say they are afraid to return to Standing Rock. All have surrendered and the best of care is given them. Many of the leaders among the Indians acted very ugly in making the final settlements.

ALL QUIET IN CANADA.

OTTAWA, CAN., December 25.—According to reports received at the mounted police department, it appears that the commissioner three weeks ago gave orders to the patrols to disarm all United States Indians coming into their territory and to collect duty on their ponies. These instructions were carried out with the result that everything is quiet on all the reservations.

CAPTAIN FOUNTAIN'S COMMAND.

DICKINSON, S. D., December 25.—Major Carroll made forced marches Tuesday with his force of six hundred men in fourteen hours, arriving at New England City at 8 p. m. in obedience to orders to go to the assistance of Captain Fountain, of the Eighth Cavalry, who is surrounded in the Cave Hills by Indians.

Two hours' rest was taken at New England City and the Major continued the march. His force got to Captain Fountain's assistance this morning. Aid may have come in from the south, and the forces are thought to be in position to hold off the Indians till assistance arrives.

THE SCOTCH STRIKES.

Thousands of Men Idle and Railway Traffic Almost Closed.

GLASGOW, December 25.—It is now estimated that 9000 men are out on strike on the various railways. Traffic on the North British Railway has almost ceased. Many assaults by strikers are reported. The employees of the Caledonian Railway Company are gradually joining the strike. The Glasgow docks are closed.

A railway chair was found fastened to the tracks on the line between this city and Kilmbridge, but was discovered in time to prevent any accident. The strikers are accused of the fiendish act.

Numbers of Aberdeen strikers are resuming work. The prospects are that the strikers in Glasgow and Edinburgh will consent to arbitration.

LONDON, December 25.—The thousand railway men at Hull have struck.

GUilty OF MURDER.

Sawtelle Convicted and Promptly Sentenced to be Hanged.

DOVER, N. H., December 25.—Arguments in the Sawtelle murder trial closed and the judge charged the jury this afternoon. At 7:30 this evening they returned to court and announced they had reached a verdict and found the prisoner, Isaac B. Sawtelle, guilty of murder in the first degree.

The judge then sentenced him to be hanged the first Tuesday in January, 1892, and to be confined in the meantime in the State prison at Concord. Sawtelle betrayed no emotion.

A FATAL FESTIVAL.

Some Mercenary Fires a Pistol at a Negro Jubilee.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., December 25.—Near Exmore there was a big Christmas festival at a negro church last night. Late in the night several men who had been drinking got into a free fight, the lights were extinguished and, while the screaming men, women and children were trying to reach the door, shots were fired.

Ben Butler was instantly killed, Tom Alexander and Hobson McIntosh fatally wounded. Several others received wounds, and a number were hurt in their rush to get out. No one could tell who fired the shots, and no arrests were made.

ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE.

A Wife Tries to Follow her Husband to the Other World.

SAN DIEGO, December 25.—Baron Fariense Pelecooper, an Austrian nobleman, who has been living with his wife, at National City for some time, died this morning.

When it was certain he was dead his wife asked outsiders to leave the room, and when they left drank a quantity of chloroform and carbolic acid. When found she was unconscious. Doctors were called and this evening she is still alive.

Fire at a Hospital.

CHICAGO, December 25.—The hundreds of patients and attendants in the Cook county hospital were given a scare today, by a fire that started in the drying room,

and threatening the institution. The fire apparatus at the hospital was removed for repairs a few days ago, but, by prompt action, the flames were confined to the drying room.

Christmas at the White House.

WASHINGTON, December 25.—The President and members of his family did not attend church this morning. They spent most of the morning in the library, where the McKee babies had a big Christmas tree. At 1 o'clock luncheon was served, the President and Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. McKee and Mrs. Dimick, being present.

Increased Spanish Imports.

MADRID, December 25.—The Minister of Finance has issued a decree declaring that Spain must follow the protection movement of America and Europe, re-voiced up she was forced to. When largely increase the duties on horses, mules, cattle, preserved and salted meats, flour, rice and cereals from January 1.

Shot Three Persons at Once.

WHEELING, W. Va., December 25.—Mose Howe went into the residence of G. H. Norris tonight, and, drawing a revolver, fired at Mrs. Norris, the ball passing through her nose and through both wrists of her little daughter and finally lodging in Norris' leg. Howe was arrested before he could do any more damage.

Killed by Her Hat Pin.

NEW YORK, December 25.—A peculiar fatal accident occurred today on Eleventh avenue. An unknown elderly woman slipped and fell to the sidewalk. When picked up she was found to be dead, and an examination disclosed the fact that a long hat pin had been driven into her brain when her head struck the sidewalk.

Collision Between Street Cars.

PITTSBURGH, December 25.—This afternoon a Pleasant Valley car and a Pennsylvania cable car collided with terrible force. Both cars were filled and a panic ensued. Alexander Robinson was fatally and several passengers painfully hurt.

AN EXTENSIVE STORM

RAGING IN THE STATES EAST OF THE MISSISSIPPI.

Heavy Snows Reported From a Number of Sections—Warnings Sent From the Signal Office at Washington.

WASHINGTON, December 25.—It is snowing hard this evening with every indication of a protracted storm. A dispatch from Harrisonburg, Virginia, says a severe snow storm set in this morning and that it is still snowing. County roads are blocked from the storm of December 17 and 18 and travel is almost entirely suspended. The same conditions of affairs is reported from Stanton.

A special bulletin issued by the signal office referring to the present storm, which extends from Indiana to Virginia, promises to be the greatest storm for several years. Warnings were sent to the railroads today. The storm will reach New England by Friday. From three to seven inches of snow fell in the Ohio valley.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA.

PITTSBURGH, December 25.—A very heavy snow storm, which began this evening, continues at midnight. Several street car lines are blocked and travel is suspended.

NORTHERN KENTUCKY.

LOUISVILLE, December 25.—Snow began falling here Saturday night and has fallen ever since. About ten inches is on the ground. Traffic is somewhat impeded.

HEAVY SNOW IN INDIANA.

INDIANAPOLIS, December 25.—It began snowing this morning and fully eight inches has fallen. This is the heaviest snow storm in years.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

The Archbishop of York died at Dublin yesterday.

A theatre in Portsmouth, England, burned last night. No one was injured.

A fire yesterday destroyed the business portion of St. Augustine, Tex. Loss, \$50,000.

At a fight at a Christmas entertainment in a church at Nabbs Station, near Jeffersonville, Ky., last night, Joseph Taffinger and Bud Robinson were fatally wounded.

Killed With a Shotgun.

VICTORIA, B. C., December 25.—A few minutes after 12 o'clock last night a young man named Fee was shot and killed instantly. Fee, in company with a friend named Partridge, was walking along the street, when a man standing near said, "You challenge me," raised a shotgun and fired. The charge entered the brain. The man, named Selk, was arrested.

Invading the Cherokee Strip.

ARKANSAS CITY, Kas., December 25.—A courier arrived here this evening from the boonsville camp, near the State line. He says 200 men, with camp equipments, will invade the Cherokee Strip tomorrow evening. This action is probably due to the fact that the last detachment of United States troops has been withdrawn.

A Salvation Army Resignation.

LONDON, December 25.—The Times announces that Commissioner Smith, of the Salvation Army, has resigned. The resignation is the most important, because he formed a substantial guarantee that earnest effort would be made to execute the practical part of General Booth's reform ideas.

Portugal's South African Claims.

LISBON, December 25.—The powers replying to a note of the minister of foreign affairs, in which he complained of the action of the British South African Company in Manicaland, express sympathy and advise Portugal to avoid a collision with the British.

## DOWNED BY PRIESTS

### Parnell's Explanation of His Defeat.

### Even Personal Violence Was Threatened.

### O'Brien and Gill Arrive in France. Pleased at the Elections.

DUBLIN, December 25.—In an interview today, before his departure, Parnell said: "Being aware of the conditions we had to fight in Kilkenny, I knew the carrying of the seat was almost hopeless. I never expected to win. The conduct of the priests almost surpassed belief. The pressure brought to bear upon the masses of the people who would have voted for us, had they been left to exercise their own judgment, without intimidation, was undreamed of. Was it kind for a priest to hold over his flock threats of spiritual penalties? It is a serious matter. Interference with the liberty of an elector cannot be tolerated. This is not all. Cases occurred where there is the fullest proof that threats of personal violence were used. It is a remarkable and encouraging fact that in the districts where the people were not coerced by priests we polled 90 per cent of the votes. I wished to penetrate the district around Castle Corner, but was prevented by fear of bloodshed."

"Scilly is a strong Catholic, but he sees clearly if the priests are permitted similarly to influence the coming elections, Ireland will be lost. The general election is not far distant, and I shall push forward the preparations for it."

"What view do you hold of the prospects of the different parties?"

To this question Parnell replied: "Should a dissolution occur soon, Gladstone will have very little chance of returning to power; as to my position, time is on my side."

O'BRIEN AND GILL

Arrive at Bologna—Pleased With the Result of the Election.

PARIS, December 25.—O'Brien and Gill arrived at Bologna this morning and were met at the landing place by McCarthy and Sullivan. They said they were overjoyed at the result of the election in North Kilkenny.

When interviewed by a reporter, O'Brien refused to express an opinion on the present situation in Ireland. He started for Paris this evening. Sexton and the others will return to England.

THE OLD STORY.

Another Republican Postmaster Killed Down in Mississippi.

MEMPHIS, December 25.—A special to the Appeal-Avalanche from Carrollton, Miss., says that John Prentiss Matthews, the Republican postmaster at that place, was killed today by W. S. McBride, a wealthy and prominent young druggist. The dispatch asserts that Matthews has rendered himself odious to the people by his absolute harshness.

The dispatch says Matthews started out, armed with a rifle, cursing and threatening to kill McBride and was arrested. When released on bail, he returned to the office, armed himself and started to shoot McBride, when the latter drew a pistol and shot him dead.

A FEROUS MURDER.

A Tragic Conclusion to an Old Man's Birthday Celebration.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 25.—Charles W. Lempere, a German bootmaker, today celebrated his 60th birthday by getting drunk. While in that condition he met and quarreled with J. Mitchell, an Irish boot-trimmer, over three pairs of boots he accused him of spoiling.

There were no witnesses to the scene that followed. Lempere says that Mitchell struck at him, whereupon he shot Mitchell in the head, blowing out his brains. Lempere has been arrested. He has a wife and two grown children.

A Coal Strike Threatened.

ALTOONA, Pa., December 25.—The miners of the Central Pennsylvania coal regions have served notice on the operators demanding fifty cents net instead of fifty cents gross per ton and a new working scale of prices. If not granted, the men, to the number of 15,000, will quit work the first of the year.

Shot a Woman and Child.

KANSAS CITY, December 25.—Wm. Rockwell, a laborer, last night called on his former mistress, Mrs. Rockwell, and attempted to persuade her to return to him. She refused and he shot her, inflicting a slight wound. The woman fainting, thinking he had killed her, Rockwell turned the weapon on her little daughter and inflicted a serious flesh wound. He then fled.

Accidentally Killed.

GOSHEN, Cal., December 25.—Yesterday morning William Harris, a prominent citizen of Tulare County, lost his life by the accidental discharge of his gun while hunting from a wagon.

THE MICKEL TRAGEDY.

Details of the Bloodthirsty Double Murder at St. Paul.

ST. PAUL, December 25.—Developments in the Mickel tragedy today show a somewhat different story from that told last night.

Mickel has been separated from his wife. Recently he repeatedly tried to effect a reconciliation, but without avail. Last night, after another futile attempt, he attacked his wife with a knife. His step-daughter came to her mother's defense, when the man attacked both with a revolver. Mrs. Mickel was shot in the abdomen and had her throat cut, while

the daughter was stabbed five times in the body. The mother is still alive. Mickel blew his brains out.

A Head-End Collision.

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., December 25.—A head-end collision occurred on the Iowa Central last night, near Grinnell, between a passenger and a wrecking train. Six passengers were injured, but not fatally. One of the engineers was fatally hurt by jumping. The names of the injured are not obtainable.

University Students Drowned.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., December 25.—The death and drowning of two students made this a gloomy Christmas at the college. Last night two medical students, Frank E. Dickinson, of Dubuque, Iowa, and Minnie Brundage, of Long Island, left for the mill pond to skate. They did not return and this morning a searching party found their bodies under the ice.

A Temporary Embarrassment.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., December 25.—The large dry goods firm of Henry Eisman & Co. closed its doors this morning. Assets reported \$300,000. Liabilities, \$200,000. The firm is temporarily embarrassed, and expects to resume business in a few days.

The Third Party.

TOPEKA, December 25.—McGrath, President of the Kansas Farmers' Alliance, in an interview, said at the meeting of the Legislative Committee of the National Alliance in Washington some time in February, the third party movement will be one of the principal things to be acted on. "This movement," said McGrath, "will eventually embrace all the labor organizations in the United States."

Shot by a Policeman.

HINCKLEY, Minn., December 25.—Three Kane brothers came in this morning from a lumber camp, and after getting drunk, proceeded to make trouble. Marshall Booth placed them under arrest, but two of them escaped and set on him. He shot both, killing them.

THE ELECTIONS BILL.

SENATOR PADDOCK DOES NOT OPPOSE ITS PASSAGE.

The Alleged Interview Between Him and the Executive Only a Fiction—Pure Food Bill to be Soon Taken Up.

WASHINGTON, December 25.—The Post tomorrow will say that Senator Paddock, of Nebraska, was in earnest when he warned the Senate a few days ago that he would soon move to lay aside the Elections bill and take up the Pure Food bill, and he will, before long, take occasion to renew the warning. He will first give his party, however, ample opportunity to either pass the Elections bill or to conclude to lay it aside.

In this connection, it may be interesting to state that Paddock has been misquoted from the beginning in regard to his position on this bill. A dispatch, originally sent from here, describes an interview alleged to have taken place between the President and the Senator, in which the former is said to have upbraided the latter for not supporting the bill.

The interview, thus picturesquely related, not only occurred," said Paddock, "but the President never mentioned either the Elections bill or the Tariff bill to me. I have never said I would not vote for the Elections bill, although I have been quoted as saying so. The truth is that there is nothing in the provisions of the bill objectionable to me, but I think it would be best to discuss financial measures just now."

SAN DIEGO SPORTS.

Racing and Ball Playing Indulged in on Christmas.

SAN DIEGO, December 25.—The opening race at Corona to was witnessed today by over 2000 people. The weather was fine and the races were thoroughly enjoyed.

First race, six furlongs and repeat—Won by Applegate, Nerva second, Garb third. Time, 1:12.

Second race, seven furlongs—Won by Judge Terry, Sir Walter second, Zingarelli third.

Third race, three furlongs—Ida Glenn won, F. F. second.

The baseball game between San Francisco and San Diego today, was won by the home team, by a score of 11 to 10. During the game, Sever, of San Francisco, was disabled by running into a fence while attempting to take in a fly ball.

ACCUSED OF FORGERY.

A Man Arrested in Portland for a Crime Committed in England.

PORTLAND, December 25.—Captain William McDonald was arrested here this evening on a charge of forgery. He is accused of forging a will in Lancaster, England, recently, under the name of George Brooks, and by it came into possession of a considerable sum of money. He afterwards came to America.

McDonald makes a general and specific denial. He says he has not been in England for six years, and never was in Lancaster; never heard of George Brooks, and did not sign a will or any other document. He says he can prove an alibi, as he was in this State at the time the forgery was committed.

It is for such sections as these and scores of others in the same position that I urge that the interests of Arizona as a

## MAKING NEW RAILWAYS

### Exemption From Taxation Preferable.

### Disadvantages of Subsidizing Enumerated.

### Adjutant-General O'Neill States His Views Upon the Railroad Question.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE REPUBLICAN:

The independent policy pursued by THE REPUBLICAN in its discussion of the railroad situation in Arizona in general and Yavapai and Maricopa Counties in particular, has led me to presume on your forbearance and space to present to the public and legislature-elect the advisability of extending to railroads the only encouragement in the power of the Territory to now grant, to-wit: Exemption from taxation for a term of years of all railroads built within two years from the passage of the bill, providing, however, that no subsidized roads shall be benefited by such act.

Today the destinies of the several sections of Arizona are unknown quantities, because of the lack of more thorough railroad connections with each other, as well as with the outside world. Within the last week the copper camp of the United Verde mines of Jerome, twenty-eight miles from Prescott, has been closed down, and some 150 to 200 men thereby thrown out of employment until next May, because of early winter storms which have made wagon freighting impossible. The closing of this camp means not only the lying idle for four or five months of the men directly connected with it, but it also means that the farming settlements of the Verde valley, the second largest agricultural valley in Arizona, according to present production, must look elsewhere for a market for their wares or allow them to go to waste. With railroad connections this wintering camp would have continued in active operation throughout the entire winter and thereby given employment to a couple of hundred men who are now "packing their blankets" in search of other work.

Within almost the same period "logging" has been made impossible, through storms, on the San Francisco mountains, and as a result the sawmills of that section will have to close down as soon as the present supply of "sawlogs" is exhausted. This is the chief industry of Flagstaff and vicinity. During the few short summer months that the mills in that section are able to run, the lumber produced amounts to from 10,000,000 to 12,000,000 feet, and the number of men directly employed ranges from 500 to 1000. When the snow once flies the old "bull team" style of hauling in logs is immediately an impossibility, and all work must be suspended until another summer comes. The timber in the immediate vicinity of the mills has been exhausted; ten, fifteen or twenty miles distant the supply is unlimited. With proper railroad facilities, the summer would see millions of logs cut annually for winter sawing, and cities and towns in the mountains, or hauled in during the winter, as is done in the lumber camps of other States, where miles and miles of railroad are constructed solely for "logging" purposes.

With proper railroad connections, these mills, which by their business, supply the very life-blood of business to the greater part of Northern Arizona, would be enabled to continue operations the year round, and instead of being ten or twelve million feet annually, the product of Arizona lumber would be four or five fold greater.

There are but two of the many examples in Northern Arizona. To the residents of the southern portion of the Territory the necessity for early and closer railroad communications is just as urgent. For ten years Florence has seen no advance proportionate to the great natural resources of the place. As a result of its isolation from railroad connection, its fertile fields, superb climate, abundant water; its advantageous location as the entrepot of a rich mineral country have availed it nothing, and will avail it nothing until the iron bands of commerce put it in touch with the centers of American wealth and industry.

As with Florence, so with Globe, only the latter has fought a fight for existence never perhaps equaled in the West. Nothing but the indomitable courage of its citizens, combined with mineral wealth—the greatness of which is as yet scarcely dreamed of by the most sanguine—would have kept it in the line of Arizona bullion producers. All credit to the grit and business skill that kept it there, distant, as it was, of over ninety miles from the nearest railroad point—ninety miles, too, in the worst Indian country in the Southwest. With railroad connection there would not be on the Pacific Coast the peer of Globe as a mining camp, but until that day she and her people must rest content with what they are.

Phoenix and its immediate vicinity have realized what railroad connection means. From a small collection of adobe huts, in less than four years it has become one of the virgin cities of the West—a land of unlimited credit, as of unlimited possibilities, with a standing in the money markets of the world that gives its enterprises a hearing wherever their promoters may demand, but what proportionate progress has there been elsewhere in the valleys of the Salt and Gila? For answer look from Phoenix westward, for nearly 200 miles, to the California line, the rich valley of the Gila—greater in area and population than it was a score of years ago. Induce the building of another railroad north of and contiguous to the Gila by the same exemption from taxation that nearly twenty years ago was conceded to the then proposed Southern Pacific, and a country is opened up to settlement that in possibilities rivals any section of California.

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Territory will be promoted by any measure that will encourage the building of railroads, matter by whom or how. Exemption from taxation of unsubsidized railroads will lose to our citizens nothing, and if it be the means of securing new lines it will give them much.

The man or men who would fight such a law have their own ends to serve. They are the men who are looking after subsidies or similar concessions—men who have their own axes to grind. The miner, the prospector, the rancher, the stockman will not be found among them. Within the last four years the counties of Maricopa and Yavapai alone have granted subsidies aggregating nearly \$500,000—while the first-named is endeavoring to still further increase this indebtedness to secure a north and south railroad. In the face of such facts can it be said that the next Legislature will err in granting exemptions to railroads built during '91 and '92 for twenty years? If subsidies alone will secure to the Territory railroads, let subsidies be granted, but unfortunately, under the Harrison act, this cannot be done without Congressional permission. How difficult it is to secure such permission Maricopa County has already demonstrated. If any encouragement of a public character is given, therefore, it must be in the shape of exemption from taxation.

Let it be granted, and every line of proposed railroad in Arizona will find new favor in the eyes of Eastern capitalists, while old lines will be given a fresh impetus toward extension. An avenue of escape from present railroad exactions will be opened, by new lines of road entering the arena of competition, while the money expended in their construction and maintenance will force their owners to do everything in their power to promote the advancement and development of the natural resources of the Territory—a policy totally foreign to the companies now in operation, as they realize that under the present condition of affairs their demands are as autocratic as the Czar of all the Russias, and their edicts as to freights and fares as absolute as any ukase ever issued.

WM. O. O'NEILL.  
PRESCOTT, ARIZONA, December 22, 1890.

LE BARR'S MURDERER

COMMITTS SUICIDE IN THE COUNTY JAIL AT PRESCOTT.

He Seizes a Razor and Cuts His Throat. The Commission of the Murder, Acknowledged.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE REPUBLICAN.

PRESCOTT, December 25.—John H. Stoop, who shot and killed Grand Le Barr at the Peck mine Sunday, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Hickey and placed in jail here yesterday.

He admitted the killing and his preliminary examination was set for December 26.

This morning about 9 o'clock, while one of the prisoners in the jail was shaving himself, he laid the razor down to wash his face. Stoop picked it up and went to his cell and slashed himself across the throat from ear to ear. As soon as he committed the deed he ran out in the corridor, sank to the floor, and expired within five minutes.

After being placed in jail Stoop sent for an attorney, but when attempting to explain the circumstances of the killing he broke down and the attorney was compelled to leave without an interview.

A GREAT COUNTRY.

Future of the Valleys of the Salt and Gila Rivers.

From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The valleys of Southern and Central Arizona are superior in fertile qualities to the historic Valley of the Nile, says ex-Governor Lewis Wolfley, of Arizona. Wherever irrigation is practiced along the Salt, Gila and Santa Cruz rivers, anything grown in a temperate or subtropical climate may be produced. As a fast growing region this part of Arizona is in many respects better than Southern California. Fruit culture is just beginning to receive general attention in these valleys, and it will not be long until the Eastern markets will be supplied with the extraordinary products of Arizona.

No spot on earth is better adapted to the culture of the grape, and the yield of the fig orchard is phenomenal. The magnificence of the fig tree growth draws one away from all surrounding things. Prunes, apricots, oranges, lemons, limes and olives grow to perfection, and in a few years the supply will be fully as abundant as from the neighboring orchards of Southern California. There is, indeed, scarcely a product of the soil known to civilized man that will not grow in these irrigated valleys of Arizona, and while the Territory is blessed with a climate of perpetual summer, its people can enjoy all of the staples of colder latitudes. Every variety of shrub or flower that adds beauty to the home and garden grows in tropical luxuriance.

Arizona is destined to be the home of a great agricultural population, and when its system of irrigation is thoroughly developed there will be no more profitable and pleasant region in which to live. Ruins along the rivers and in the valleys of Arizona indicate that it was once thickly populated, and that agriculture was successfully practiced to a great extent. When the system that made it rich in fruitfulness centuries ago is again restored, as it will be in a few short years, then will Arizona bloom as a rose.

Christmas at the Asylum.

Contributions were solicited from the business men of the city Wednesday to aid in making Christmas pleasant for the inmates of the Insane Asylum. Nearly all responded liberally, and a number of articles that will help to "entertain a mind diseased" were contributed. Yesterday afternoon Dr. Toney prepared a literary and musical program for the entertainment of his wards, after which the presents were distributed. Among those taking part in the entertainment from this city were J. C. Sartelle, who gave a whistling solo, R. C. Stockton, an exhibition of club swinging, Miss Feltner, who sang, and W. H. Robinson and J. Tomlinson, both of whom gave several recitations.

## SOUTH OF THE LINE

### An Immigration Scheme for Brazil.

### Agricultural Settlements to be Established.

### A New Tract of Fertile Country Discovered in the Argentine Republic.

WASHINGTON, December 25.—The Bureau of American Republics has received information of the organization of a corporation in Brazil, under the name "Companhia Nova Era Rural do Brazil," with a capital of \$25,000,000, a large part of which has been furnished by bankers and merchants in Europe.

The object is to establish twenty agricultural settlements on the public lands of Brazil, which are to be given free of cost by the government, to construct lines of railway for placing these